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'Jim, Do You Really Believe All This Stuff?'

A Talk With Mr. Garrison,
A District Attorney Who
Traces Vast 'Conspiracy'

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Jim Garrison, district attorney of New Orleans, says:

"There is no way that Clay Shaw can get an acquittal."

Edward F. Wegmann, Mr. Shaw's lawyer, says:

"Clay Shaw cannot be convicted. He will be absolutely vindicated."

The contradiction will be resolved in a trial now scheduled to begin here Feb. 14. The charge is that Clay Shaw conspired with others to assassinate John F. Kennedy.

Thus a court of law finally will deal directly with the gnawing discontent, in



Mr. Garrison

some quarters, with the Warren Report. This splits at least two ways. One is dismay among those who believe or want to believe the report, yet believe that this prominent and well-staffed commission left many loopholes and glossed over many obvious difficulties. The other discontent is stronger, and is felt by those who simply do not believe that Lee Harvey Oswald, a demented Communist, was the lone assassin.

But all of this discontent has become enmeshed, in the year since Mr. Garrison's investigation was made public, in a stupefying maze of accusations and counter-accusations, revelations and denials. So on the eve of the anniversary and the eve of the trial, I came here to confront Mr. Garrison, the much-maligned, much-praised district attorney, and Mr. Shaw, the only man yet indicted for a role in President Kennedy's assassination. And to confront lawyers, investigators, newsmen, some of whom know more about the investigation, or think they do, than a newspaper dares print.

So far, two men have been charged with complicity. One is Mr. Shaw, the 54-year-old former director of the International Trade Mart here and a prominent New Orleansian, who was arrested and indicted last March. The second is Edgar Eugene Bradley, a mysterious public-relations type who works for the right-wing evangelist, Carl McIntire, lives in Los Angeles, and is fighting extradition to Louisiana.

The investigation has also netted a mixed bag of other men who have been



Mr. Shaw: 'It's hard to believe.'

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